

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Higher Education Department – Procurement of services from NICS I empanelled agency M/s. Primus Partners Pvt. Ltd. for establishing the Project Management Unit (PMU) in Higher Education Department to facilitate the establishment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) University in Andhra Pradesh – Sanction Orders- Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (C.E) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 40

Dated: 05-03-2025

Read the following:

1. From the Director of Collegiate Education, Andhra Pradesh, Lr.Rc.No.01/CCE-AP/AC Cell/IT Team/AC-02/2024, Dated:06.12.2024.
2. G.O.Ms.No.86, Finance (HR.I-LG& Policy) Department, Dt:30.08.2024.
3. From the Director of Collegiate Education, Andhra Pradesh, Lr.Rc.No.08/CCE-AP/AC Cell/IT Team/AC-02/2024, Dated:12.02.2025.
4. Proposal along with terms of Reference uploaded to NIDHI portal for engaging NICS I-empanelled agency, Dated:10.12.2024.
5. Finance Concurrence obtained for the proposal entitled as Procurement of NICS I - Empanelled Consulting Agency for establishment of AI university, Dated:20.01.2025. (AI University (in NIDHI): EHE03-01)
6. From the Director of Collegiate Education, A.P, Mangalagiri, Lr.No.09/CCE-AP/AC Cell/IT Team/AC-02/2024, Dated:21.02.2025.

ORDER:

In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government issued revised guidelines for procurement of services from Consulting Agencies/Individual Consultants for effective implementation of Development Missions.

2. Accordingly, the Director of Collegiate Education, in the letter 6th read above has informed that the Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming industries and driving global economic growth, creating an unprecedented demand for AI professionals. Recognizing this, the Swarna Andhra @2047-Vision Plan document emphasizes the role of AI in enhancing learning, quality, transparency, accountability, and efficiency in higher education. Key initiatives include establishing Centers of Excellence in AI and Robotics, integrating AI into governance, and embedding future skills into academic curricula. To meet this growing demand and position Andhra Pradesh, as a leader in AI education and research, the Government has announced for establishment of a dedicated AI University. Therefore, the Director Collegiate Education, AP, Mangalagiri, has requested permission to engage the services of professional NICS I empanelled consulting agency to provide expert guidance and support is essential for ensuring a timely and effective establishment of AI University in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

3. The Director of Collegiate Education, Mangalagiri informed that following the step-wise process in G.O. 2nd read above, the department prepared a detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) and Procurement Proposal for engaging a NICS I-empanelled agency and submitted it to the Finance Department via the NIDHI portal in the proposal in ref 4th read above.

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The Finance Department's Screening Committee in the ref 5th read above approved the proposal, selecting M/s. Primus Partners Pvt. Ltd. to facilitate the establishment of the AI University in Andhra Pradesh and to extend to support to Higher Education department. The Director of Collegiate Education, Mangalagiri, has requested the Government to issue necessary orders as per the Finance Department's concurrence.

4. After careful examination of the matter, the Government in terms of the instructions issued and concurrence accorded in the references 2nd & 5th read above respectively, hereby permit the Director, Collegiate Education, to engage the services of M/s Primus Partners Pvt., Ltd., by setting up of Project Management Unit (PMU) consisting of (10) members. The PMU shall function as per the Terms of Reference (ToR) for Higher Education Department based on NICS rates as approved by the Screening Committee Meeting held on 09.01.2025, for a period of 4(Four) months with an expenditure of Rs.1,23,98,485/- (One Crore Twenty-Three Lakhs Ninety-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Five Rupees only) as envisaged in annexure.

5. The Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education and Director of Collegiate Education shall submit monthly performance reports of individual resources working with them with respect to Terms of reference and agreed milestones from time to time for approval and permission to release funds. The entire expenditure for setting up of Project Management Unit (PMU) consisting of 10 members for Higher Education Department shall be incurred from the internal funds of the Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education.

6. The Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Council for Higher Education, Andhra Pradesh and the Director, Collegiate Education shall take further necessary action accordingly.

7. This order is issued with the concurrence of the proposal screening committee and subsequent changes in reference 5th cited and the Finance Department through online NIDHI portal as per the orders issued in reference 2nd read above.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**KONA SASIDHAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)**

To

The Chairman, APSCHE, Mangalagiri.

The Director, Collegiate Education, A.P., Mangalagiri.

The Secretary, APSCHE, Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The O.S.D to Hon'ble Minister [HRD]

P.S to Secretary to Government [HED]

Finance Department (HR-I-LG & Policy) Department.

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**SECTION OFFICER
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